

HAILEY'S ON IT!
"Mean Squirrels"
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EXT. HAILEY'S HOUSE - PEPPER TREE - DAY

SCOTT talks to KRISTINE on a VIDEO CALL as he shakes the PEPPER TREE: out falls a KITE, a FAIRY TOY, FRANK'S GOAT MASK, and a SMALLER TREE. Weird. And not what he wants.

SCOTT (INTO PHONE)
See, I struggle with object
permanence. Like a dog!

KRISTINE (ON PHONE)
What's that?

SCOTT
It's a furry, four-legged animal.
Some people keep them as pets--

KRISTINE (ON PHONE)
I know what a dog is! What the
heck is object permanence?

SCOTT
Oh! When something isn't in front
of me, I forget it exists. Like
dogs do when you hide a squeaky
toy. So when Sanjay's back at
home, I forget all about...
(beat, then lost)
Who were you asking about again?

KRISTINE
Oh, um no one, forget I called!

SCOTT
I will as soon as we hang up!

Finally, Scott shakes out a FRISBEE! He picks it up, climbs the tree and goes through the window into...

INT. HAILEY'S BEDROOM - DAY

HAILEY looks up to greet Scott as she SEWS.

HAILEY
Hey, Scott!
(then)
Careful, Beta's in a mood...

BETA (O.S.)
 (yelling from closet)
 Actually, I'm in a delicate state
 of lost identity!

SCOTT
 Oh, 'cause your Commander Koala
 body blew to smithereens that
 scattered all over the beach?

BETA steps out of the closet as a floppy brown TEDDY BEAR.
 Scott and Hailey <LAUGH>.

BETA (O.S.)
 Guess you missed the DELICATE part.
 Look at me! I'm a totally UN-YOKED
 frumpy-bear.

HAILEY
 Just try some other options. We
 promise we won't laugh.

Scott mime-zips his mouth as a <PRETTY WOMAN-TYPE SONG>
 plays into a MONTAGE:

INT. HAILEY'S CLOSET - DAY - CONTINUOUS

--Beta opens the closet door to reveal he's now a RUBBER
 CHICKEN. He stumbles out <CLUCK CLUCK> and bonks into the
 furniture. Scott and Hailey <SWALLOW THEIR LAUGHS> as Beta
 bonks into the door getting back in the closet.

--Beta is a PLUSH FLOWER. The thin stem struggles to hold
 the heavy screen on the flower part and it flops to the
 ground. Scott and Hailey <COVER THEIR LAUGHS> with their
 hands. Beta scoots like the Pixar lamp back inside.

--Beta is an OCTOPUS. He tries to control all his tentacles
 but they get tangled and one tentacle slaps him. Scott and
 Hailey <GIGGLE> but smother their faces in PILLOWS. Beta
 splays out on the floor and then slinks back inside.

--Beta is a HOBBY-HORSE <WHINNY>. Beta likes it until Scott
 takes him for a hobby-horse ride around the room. <GIDDYUP!>
 Hailey loses it <LAUGHING>. Beta bucks Scott off <WHOA>.

BETA
 Ride me again you'll need new
 teeth.

HAILEY
 There's no need to be upset, Beta,
 because...

Beta and Scott look over to see she's wearing JEWELER GLASSES over her red glasses and is covered in THREAD and COTTON.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

I'm just about done sewing your Commander Koala body back together! Took me a while to find all your pieces and I had to wait for Frank to poop out your left arm, but I'd say I'm doing a pret-ty good job.

BETA

Thank goodness! I can't wait to get back into my sweet body!

INT. HAILEY'S BEDROOM - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

Beta's screen is in his Commander Koala body, but it's a mess: His arm and leg are swapped, there's messy stitch work all over him, he has a hunch back and his stuffing is popping out of seams. Beta hobbles when he walks.

SCOTT

Whoa, it's FrankenBeta!

BETA

(croaking)

You mean FrankenBeta's monster!

Ack, my voice! What did you do?!

He bonks his head which clears away his croaking voice.

HAILEY

Hey, considering I learned to sew back in Squirrel Scouts when I was 7, I think I did pretty great.

BETA

This is a botch job! You clearly did not learn how to sew.

HAILEY

Yes I did. I'll show you...

Hailey goes under her bed and pulls out -- an EAR WAX CANDLE, a LEI, Frank's goat mask, etc.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

A-ha! Found it. Look...

She holds up a small, gray, furry SQUIRREL SCOUTS SASH with a SINGLE BADGE sewn on it. She points:

HAILEY (CONT'D)
See? The Sewing Badge!

The badge falls off due to shoddy sewing.

BETA
Thank you for proving my point.

HAILEY
(remembering)
My next badge was supposed to be my
Nut Cluster Badge.

SCOTT
Mmm, I love Squirrel Scout Nut
Clusters! Pecan Parties, Sesame
Slops, Walnut What-nots, Poppy
Droppies. My mouth is watering.

HAILEY
Everyone loves them. But I was too
shy to go door-to-door back then,
so I quit. Now that I'm older,
it'd be much easier. I'd probably
only have, like, two panic attacks
along the way.

Beta's calculations <DING>.

BETA
Welp, looks like you have two panic
attacks in your future. List Item
#79: Get my Nut Cluster Badge.

He shows his screen, but it's glitched with GARBLED TEXT.
She slaps Beta to make his screen fix and it shows "List Item
#79: Get my Nut Cluster Badge." Beta stares at her.

BETA (CONT'D)
Don't ever do that again.

She presses his belly and a mangled "I WUV YOU" comes out.

HAILEY
Noted.
(then)
I'm happy this is on my list! All
I have to do is hit my quota and
I'll get my nut cluster badge, easy
peasy. It'll be kinda fun to be
part of Squirrel Troop 37 again.

She puts on her sash that's way too small <GRUNT>, but
<SHRUGS>, leaving it taut across her chest, and runs out.

BETA
 <SIGHS> I'll never find a body as
 awesome or strong or impressive or
 magnificent as me.

SCOTT
 You forgot to say "humble." But
 don't worry, we'll find it.

BETA
 How do you know?

SCOTT
 I just put all those words into an
 internet search, and look at this
 ad for a new toy!
 (shows PHONE)
 And it's a *sponsored* ad, so you
 know it's good...

He hits play and we PUSH INTO...

INT. COMMERCIAL - ON SCREEN

A high-octane commercial set in a white void. CRASH ZOOMS on
 a TRUCKASAURUS CASH toy driving fast, dino-attacking, and
 bursting open a cash register as the announcer describes it.

COMMERCIAL VOICE (V.O.)
 Are you ready for the world's
 hottest transforming toy?! It's
 the best of all worlds: Monster
 truck! Killer dino! And a retail
 accessory! Cash Mon-ayy, baybee!
 It's TRUCKASAURUS CASH!

The toy flies through the air <VROOM> <RAWR> <KA-CHING>!

INT. HAILEY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Beta and Scott give each other big, excited looks.

INT. PLAYHOUSE - DAY

A playroom with small, plastic, colorful CHAIRS and TABLES.
 DEE (7, adorable) stands in front of SQUIRREL TROOP 37, which
 includes ADRIANNA, YUMI, CHLOE and ISLA, all 7 and adorable.
 They wear GRAY UNIFORMS and furry sashes and have PAPER MAPS.
 Dee shows the ACORN APP on her SMART PHONE.

DEE
 (Ted Talk vibes)
 ...So, in closing, this promises to
 be Troop 37's most successful Nut
 Cluster season ever--

She <WHACKS> a NUT CLUSTER out of Adrianna's hand.

DEE (CONT'D)
 Adrianna, don't eat the supply.
 (back to the group)
 Just remember: stick to your
 territory, and log all sales in the
 Acorn App. And Chloe and Isla, can
 you tell Yumi that maps are not for
 doodling?

REVEAL Yumi, doodling on the map. She stops.

ADRIANNA
 Dee, are we gonna sell enough to
 earn a trip to Typhoon Town Water
 Park? My sister said they have all-
 you-can-eat ice cream!

All the girls <WOW> in excitement.

DEE
 Ladies. If we want to scream 'til
 we puke on the Water Cyclone slide -
 - and I know we do -- then we gotta
 sell! These! Nuts!

Dee <WHACKS> Adrianna who is eating the supply again.

DEE (CONT'D)
 Alright. Let's end with our
 Squirrel Scout Oath: "Be Ready...

GIRLS
 ...Be smart, and show the world
 what's in your heart. Don't be
 rash. Protect the stash.

They raise their "paws" to their faces and <CHITTER>.

GIRLS/HAILEY
 Squirrel's for--/ life!"

<RECORD SCRATCH>! They all look to see Hailey's eyeball
 peering in the WINDOW like a giant. Adrianna <SCREAMS>.
 Hailey tries to come through the door but she's too big. She
 backs out, pulls the ROOF off, then climbs inside and puts
 the roof back on. The girls stare at her.

DEE
Are you lost, ma'am?

HAILEY
Ma'am?! I'm 14! No, I'm Hailey,
here for the Squirrel Scouts
meeting. I've been OG since 20-23!
Actually it's been longer than that,
but squirrels for life, right?

She shows her ill-fitting sash as her badge falls off again.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
So, we selling some nuts or what?!

The girls <MUMBLE> confusion. Dee goes over to Hailey.

DEE
Everyone remain calm. I got this.
(to Hailey)
I'm Dee, troop leader. And as much
as we'd love to have your...
experience. We already divvied up
the territories.
(off Hailey's look)
But we do have one spot left, that
I think would be perfect for you.

Dee holds out her hand, Chloe gives her an extra PAPER MAP
and a PEN. Dee circles a spot and hands it to Hailey.

HAILEY
That's awesome! Yes! Teamwork!

Hailey holds up her hand for a high-five, but the girls all
quickly leave through the door. As Hailey removes the roof
again to try and leave, we:

FLIP TO:

EXT. OCEANSIDE LANDFILL - DAY

Hailey lowers her circled map to reveal a DIRTY SIGN for the
"OCEANSIDE LANDFILL."

HAILEY
<GASP> They played me! Well, I
won't be humiliated!

Hailey turns on her heel and storms off, loudly <DRAGGING> a
piece of TRASH stuck to her shoe.

INT. HAILEY'S BEDROOM - DAY

From Scott's POV, we PAN UP to see SEMI TRUCK WHEELS, a T-REX BODY, RIPPED ROBOTIC ARMS and -- where the face should be -- Beta's screen. Beta has become TRUCKASAURUS CASH BETA!

BETA

Now this is what I'm talking about!

Scott presses a LARGE BUTTON on Beta that causes a CASH REGISTER to pop out of his chest <KA-CHING>!

BETA/SCOTT

Cash mo-naaayy!

SCOTT

Truck race!!

Scott "drives" Truckasaurus Cash Beta across the room <VROOM>. They are like two buddies, <LAUGHING> and playing.

BETA

Dino attack!

Beta <RAWRS> at Scott who <WAILS> with delight.

SCOTT

Now gimme change for a twenty!

Truckasaurus Cash Beta happily <KA-CHINGS> his cash register open and FAKE MONEY flies out. Scott is elated as he makes it rain. <WEEEEEEE!> Suddenly, they're interrupted by an O.S. <OOOOOOHH>.

REVEAL DWAYNE and JOHNSON, eyes wide and mouths agape. They descend on Beta, <SQUEALING> with delight.

BETA

Wait! No! Scott, do something!

The twins start thrashing Beta, pressing his button over and over <KA-CHING> <KA-CHING> <KA-CHING>.

SCOTT

Boys! No! Stop! Heel!

Scott tries to intervene, but the Dwayne knocks him down and jumps on him <GAH> as Johnson drags the terrified Beta away.

EXT. BOARDWALK - DAY

Dee and Adrianna pull a WAGON of NUT CLUSTER BOXES as Hailey storms up to them (trash still on shoe).

HAILEY
You sent me to the dump!? Really?

The girls' cute smiles fade.

DEE
Tough nuts, old lady. It's not our
fault if you don't have what it
takes to be a Squirrel.

The girls <CHITTER> like squirrels at her. Hailey is taken
aback by how mean they actually are. Dee <WHACKS> Adrianna,
who's sneaking nut clusters.

HAILEY
I may be way too old for this, but
I am a Squirrel! For life.
(her badge falls off)
And this big, ol' Squirrel ain't
giving up that easily!

Hailey spots Kristine window shopping and rushes to her.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
Kristine! Hey, bestie! Wanna buy
some Walnut What-nots?

KRISTINE
Oh sure. Yummy!

REVEAL Dee and Adrianna, now standing next to Kristine,
smiling sweetly.

DEE
(sweetest voice ever)
Hello, Miss. We just love your
hat! You're such a powerful female
role model.

ADRIANNA
Would you please buy some Walnut
Whatnots from us?

KRISTINE
<SQUEALS> Of course!
(to Hailey)
Look at these little angels! I
mean, you get it, right?

As Kristine looks for her wallet, Dee and Adrianna stick out
their tongues at Hailey. Hailey <SEETHES>.

INT. U.F.DOUGH - DAY

Hailey rushes over to SUNNY behind the counter.

HAILEY

Sunny! You're such a powerful female role model. You know how you'd do anything for me?

SUNNY

No, I have a long list of things I wouldn't do for you--

Sunny pulls out a LIST.

HAILEY

Maybe later. Right now I need you to buy some Nut Clusters.

SUNNY

Add that to the list, because I already got some from these cuties!

REVEAL Dee and Yumi are standing nearby with big grins.

SUNNY (CONT'D)

Look at these sweet portraits they drew of me! I mean, you get it, right?

Sunny motions to two flattering DRAWINGS of Sunny hanging on the wall as she exits.

DEE

We made one for you, too, Hailey!

Yumi hands Hailey a DRAWING as they exit. It's a hideous monster with red glasses and stink lines labeled "BAD SQUIRREL."

HAILEY

This drawing is woefully inaccurate! I have no visible stink lines!

EXT. BARNACLES STADIUM BLEACHERS - DAY

Hailey walks through the poorly-attended bleachers, carrying a BIG BOX of nut-clusters.

HAILEY

Nut clusters! Get your Nut Clusters, here!

A nearby FAN raises his hand.

FAN
Over here! I'll take--

ANNOUNCER (O.S.)
Pleeease welcome the cutest members
of Squirrel Troop 37!

EXT. BARNACLES FIELD - PITCHER'S MOUND - DAY

<UPBEAT MUSIC PLAYS> as the girls hold hands and sing:

DEE
*Thank you trees for making nuts!
Thank you nuts for making treats.
With magnitude we gather nuts, and
gratitude we sell you treats.*

EXT. BARNACLES STADIUM BLEACHERS - DAY

The stadium <AWWWs>. Hailey shakes her head.

HAILEY
They rhymed nuts with nuts. What
tool is gonna fall for--

FAN
(yelling to girls)
Take my money! Please!
(turning to Hailey)
I mean, you get it, ri--

But Hailey has stormed off, <GROWLING>.

INT. THE TWINS' NURSERY - DAY

CLOSE ON a <CREAKING> BABY MOBILE. PAN DOWN to the terrified face of Truckasaurus Cash Beta as a chubby arm flops on him. WIDEN OUT to see the sleeping twins cuddling Beta as they nap in their crib. A PHONE ICON appears on Beta's screen: "Call from Scott De-NOBRAINS."

SCOTT (O.S.)
Beta? Are you there? Oh whoops,
you can't talk or you'll wake the
babies ssshhhh!

Beta rolls his eyes.

EXT. HAILEY'S BACK YARD - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Scott is under a window looking up, talking on his PHONE.

SCOTT
Sorry. Just get to the window and
I'll catch you. You got this!

INT. THE TWINS' BEDROOM - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Beta is determined as we cue <MISSION:IMPOSSIBLE-TYPE MUSIC>.

He wiggles out of the twins grip. They stir; Beta shoves a TEDDY BEAR in the empty space, they cuddle it and snooze.

Beta uses his little T-Rex arms to climb the crib railing and hang down. He shimmies over a pile of clothes and then drops down soundlessly. The twins stir, but stay asleep.

Beta moves across the floor avoiding a XYLOPHONE, a DRUM and Frank's goat mask. The window is right in front of him! He looks back over his shoulders to check the twins and hears <CLICK>. Beta's eyes go wide! <DRAMATIC MUSIC> Beta looks down to see the CARROT NOSE of a SNOW MAN NIGHT LIGHT has plunged into his cash register button. Before he can panic, <KA-CHING>, the register blares! ANGLE ON the twins, already awake and right next to him. Beta <SCREAMS>!

Beta jumps to the window but the twins grab his legs. Beta struggles to hold onto the sill as they tug-o-war his body. Beta knows what he must do -- Beta pops his screen out of Truckasaurus Cash as the twins pull the toy back into their room. Beta goes flying through the window <AAAAHHHH>.

EXT. HAILEY'S BACKYARD - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Scott waits to catch him, but we see Beta's screen fly out of a DIFFERENT WINDOW in the background.

ANGLE ON Beta, landing on the ground. He looks up to see the twins, thrashing and slobbering on the Truckasaurus Cash toy.

BETA
Goodbye, Truckasaurus Cash.

INT. HAILEY'S KITCHEN - LATER

Hailey slumps in, defeated. PATRICIA feeds the twins, who are clutching their Beta-less Truckasaurus Cash.

HAILEY
 Mom, I need your help. I'm trying
 to sell nut clusters, but no one in
 this town will help me. Could you
 maybe help me--

Patricia <MMMM-HMMs> but then slowly starts chewing, her
 mouth full. ANGLE ON a box of Nut Clusters next to her.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
 Mom!

PATRICIA
 (mouth still full)
 I'm sorry! They were just so cute.
 (she swallows hard)
 It's impossible to resist an
 adorable face. That's just how the
 world works! Isn't that right, my
 little munchkins?

Patricia squeezes the boys cheeks, making them <GIGGLE>.

HAILEY
 (with an evil twinkle)
 Yes...that *is* how the world
 works... and two can play that
 game, mean squirrels.

EXT. BANK OF TEMECULA AMPHITHEATER - TICKET AREA - LATER

Dee's troop is set up in front of a PSYCHEDELIC POSTER for
 the jam band PHROG. We hear O.S. concert finale <MUSIC>.

DEE
 Sounds like the concert just ended,
 Ladies. Get ready for the rush--

HAILEY (O.S.)
 Hey, girls. Fancy seeing you here.

Hailey smiles across the walkway at her own BOOTH. In front
 of her are Dwayne and Johnson in adorable, FURRY SQUIRREL
 ONESIES, <GIGGLING> and waving as CONCERT GOERS begin filing
 out. Dee's jaw drops. Everyone stops to ogle and <COO> at
 the twins and buy nut clusters from Hailey.

EXT. BANK OF TEMECULA AMPHITHEATER - TICKET AREA

IN A SERIES OF QUICK SHOTS AND DISSOLVES:

--Hailey sells lots of nut clusters.

--The girls sell to no one.

--Hailey enters her sales in the Acorn App and her "sales meter" goes higher and higher.

--Hailey's supply sells out.

--The girls' supply is unchanged.

--Hailey's Acorn App shows "NUT CLUSTER BADGE ACHIEVED" and Hailey's WRISTBAND turns green, but she doesn't notice.

END SERIES OF SHOTS

MR. WILLIAMS, in a PHROG TIE-DYE SHIRT, heads towards the girls' booth, but then Hailey holds up the twins in their squirrel suits. He gives the girls an apologetic look.

MR. WILLIAMS

I mean, you get it, right?

MR. WILLIAMS buys from Hailey and <GOO GOOS> at the twins. Hailey sticks out her tongue at the girls.

We hear a <TRUMPET> alert come from Hailey's Acorn App. She opens the "CONGRATULATIONS, SQUIRREL!" notification.

HAILEY

Oooh, let's see what I did!

(reading)

"The only Squirrel from Troop 37 with enough sales to go to Typhoon Town is Hailey Banks." HA! Tough nuts, losers--

She instantly stops gloating when she sees the girls, forlorn. Adrianna pours Nut Clusters into her mouth, straight from the box. Dee joins her, then goes to deflate a nearby INNERTUBE.

Hailey's face drops. She walks over to the girls.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

Hey, everyone. I'm so sorry. I got way too caught up in this whole thing, and... Even though you were super mean, I should have been the bigger person. So how about this, I'll buy the boxes you need to qualify for Typhoon Town?

Hailey pulls out a WALLET.

DEE

Wow, thank you. I just need 2,
Yumi needs 5, Isla needs 6, Chrlow
needs 9 and Adrianna needs 58.

HAILEY

Girl, you really gotta stop eating
the supply.

Hailey pays the MONEY for the boxes. Each girl logs the sale
and each app makes a <TRUMPET> "Congratulations, Squirrel."

The girls <CHEER>.

DEE

It was really nice of you to do
that, especially after how we
treated you. I'm really sorry.

Hailey opens her arms and the girls rush in for a group hug.

HAILEY

No problem. We're squirrels for
life!

EXT. BANK OF TEMECULA AMPHITHEATER - TICKET AREA - LATER

Hailey cleans up her booth. The boys are sitting in the
wagon, eating nut clusters. Scott and Beta walk up - Beta's
screen is now around Scott's neck on a GOLD CHAIN.

HAILEY

Whoa, cool bling, Scott.

SCOTT

I like it! I feel like a rapper.
Call me: DJ Butter-Scott.

BETA

More like Li'l Buffoon.

CLOSE ON Beta as he <LAUGHS> at his joke. Scott hands the
chain to the twins.

BETA (CONT'D)

Wait, Scott! NOOOO!

POP WIDE as the twins swing Beta's chain over their heads.
Off Beta being helicoptered around, we...

FADE OUT.